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Introduction to Civilizations Unit Preview

This unit is an introduction to our year long study of world civilizations. During the course of the unit, you will learn some of the major concepts and ideas that we will be applying throughout the entire year. For example, when we learn about ethnocentrism, you will be expected to apply your understanding of that key concept to each civilization that we study. Paying close attention to the concepts in this unit will allow you to succeed this year!

Textbook Sections: Portions of Chapter One

Important Questions:

1. How does geography play a role in the development of societies?
2. How does cultural diffusion work to create an interconnected world?
3. How does ethnocentrism impact the relationships between societies?
4. What conditions are needed to lead to a “golden age” within a society?
5. What is the basis for the organization of a society?

Important Terms, Names, and Concepts

- ethnocentrism
- Economics model
- Idea of a Golden Age
- The GREATS
- River Civilizations
- Social Pyramid
- Cultural Diffusion

Economics Model

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